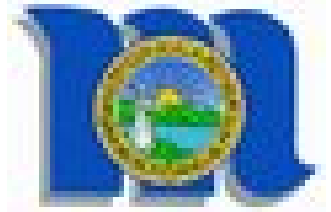




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“Malicious Burning Arrest”

On February 6, 2014 at approximately 3:00 am, Officers of the Morgantown Police Department were patrolling the Sunnyside area of Morgantown and observed a group of individuals engaged in an act of Malicious Burning of a dumpster on Alley D.

The suspects ran from the area as they were approached by the officers and following a foot chase, two of the suspects were apprehended in a field as they crossed Beechurst Avenue heading towards the Monongahela River.

Jacob Forest STROUPE, 20 years of Age of Lost Creek WV, was charged with Malicious Burning, Public Intoxication, Underage Possession/Consumption and Obstruction of a Police Officer. STROUP was held on a \$500.00 bond.

Charles Randal PECK, 19 years of age of Lost Creek WV, was charged with Public Intoxication, Underage Possession/Consumption and Obstruction of a Police Officer. PECK was held on a \$350.00 bond.

The Morgantown Police Department is committed to its goal of eliminating crime in our city. Citizens are encouraged to become a **“Partner in Policing”**, by reporting suspected criminal activity to Morgantown Police Department Switchboard at (304) 284-7522. If you need immediate Police attention or a crime is in progress call 911.

Ed Preston
Chief of Police